GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2350
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COMPLIMENTARY PASSES BY AI AND IA .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 2092 given on December3, 2001 regarding complimentary passes by Air India and Indian Airlines and state:-

(a) whether the requisite information as asked for in the question has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which the information is likely to be laid on the Table of the House?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) and (b) : Yes Sir. Requisite information has been collected and the same is given below :

Details of passes issued

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines
1998-1999	1946	0965
1999-2000	1599	1085
2000-2001	1539	0910
2001-2002 (April-Sept., 2001)	0366	0519

After October 10, 2001, both the Airlines have stopped issuing complimentary passes. This is, however, not applicable to the normal sales promotion scheme etc. of Air India and Indian Airlines.

As per industry practice, concessional and complimentary tickets are normally issued by the Airlines in their commercial interests, to tour promoters, travel writers, media personnel, important commercial contacts and promotional schemes/events etc. to encourage and promote travel on the national carriers. Besides, free passes are also issued against Government of India mandatory orders for medical treatment abroad on the recommendations of the Director General of Health Services.The revenue loss as a result of issue of complimentary / concessional passes is nominal / minimal which cannot be identified for quantification. These passes were issued during the lean season when the flights operated with low seat factors. Further, passengers holding these passes are generally accommodated only after accommodating the revenue paying passengers.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.